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**Column One**  
 By  
**David Courtney**

## Congress to Set Tasks, Not Aims

JERUSALEM POST Reporter

A SENATE Committee has pared down the proposed U.S. grant to Israel from \$25 million to \$16.75 million; it is still a great deal of money, which comes generously on the top of \$12 million dollars provided by the Export-Import Bank; which, speaking of generosity, should be added the authorization to float a \$50 million dollar bond issue; and the fact that, when all is said and done, Zionism is still Israel's biggest export and America its biggest buyer.

IT is a pity that Israel's need should be so great, and a pity that borrowers owe something, if not hard cash they have borrowed, to the lenders. On the nature of that debt, and the wisdom of it, one may argue; but that the borrower has contracted a debt of one kind or another, even if it be only gratitude, seems plain enough. From all accounts, America has treated Israel in this matter of loans, gifts and credits, on a "most favoured nation" basis; and has asked for nothing in return.

IT will doubtless be said that this Column is the last place in the world to look for praise of America; unjustly, it will be said; but not without some grounds; since the foreign policy of the United States, such as it may be, upsets the Columnist profoundly. But no one with the genuine interests of Israel at heart can be unmoved by the speed and volume of the aid which America has given to this country during the past two years. To be sure, some \$50 million is far short of the 150 million officially asked for by the Government of Israel; but one gathers that it is still more than the cautious dared hope for; and may, indeed, make a difference to the daily lives of the citizens of this country during the coming year. After all, the two successive credits given by the Export-Import Bank contributed greatly to the development of Israel over the past eighteen months.

## CONGRESS REJECTS FEDERATION

HERE then — or so it would seem on the information available — is Power Politics to which no one can take exception and for which many can feel grateful. Obviously, behind the American gifts and credits is some confidence in the willingness of the State of Israel to prove itself a worthy recipient; and, obviously, worthiness is judged by the standards common to the United States. But its performance is not subject to treaty or neatly tied with those political "strings" about which so much is heard. The purpose may even be to "contain" Communism; but that, in Israel, can mean no more than the containment of the causes of Communism — hunger, unemployment, homelessness; and whatever is done to contain that triple misery is wisely done.

THERE is little doubt that the President of the United States has been the chief instrument in this policy of generosity to Israel. Mr. Truman is a man of personal emotions in whom the elementary principles of the American Revolution would seem to be a living force. One would say that he believes in Israel, as in any other big human adventure, at least as much as he believes in the power of Zogot to sway the large Jewish vote of New York State. The generosity of the President is the generosity of the American people; both in their application to Israel, seem unfeigned. And seeming in it is worth saying so.

WHAT is this: and with it the right is reserved to go on heckling American foreign policy when heckling is in use.

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## New Confession May Reopen Amman Trial

AMMAN, Monday (UPI) — An important new development — a last-minute confession by Dr. Musa el Hussaini — may reopen the trial of the ten men charged with complicity in the assassination of King Abdullah. The court was

to have handed down the verdict tomorrow. Dr. Hussaini in his new confession said that he was trapped into the plot on the life of King Abdullah by Colonel Abdallah e-Tel and Musa of Ayeub, and was unable to withdraw.

Cairo radio today reported that Hussaini had asked the tribunal's chief judge, Major-General Jundi, for an interview at which he was expected to make his confession.

**Last-Minute Decision**  
Prosecutor Walid Salah has demanded death sentences for six of the accused, including Hussaini, on the basis of testimony by 45 witnesses and the statements of the accused. Hussaini's defense counsel, Mr. Yehia Hamoudi, said yesterday that his client made a last-minute decision to write a new confession when he heard the evidence against him.

Mr. Hamoudi predicted the document would reveal all the motives, circumstances and persons behind the plot to murder the king.

### SOLH TRIAL

A military court in Amman will shortly open the trial of persons charged with the murder of the late Premier of the Lebanon, Riad es-Solh, who was assassinated in Amman on July 16, according to NEAPS. Jordan has officially informed the Lebanese government that the case will be heard immediately upon the conclusion of the current trial of the ten suspected accomplices in the murder of King Abdullah.

**NEAPOLIS TRIAL**  
Neither the resolution on the proclamation nor on the status received the unanimous support of the Committee. Mapam and Mr. Yitzhak Gruenbaum will make an effort to restore to the proclamation the conception of "redemption," while the Herut delegates will try to insert a reference to the historical boundaries.

### UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, Monday (UPI) — The Israel delegation today circulated the text of the cable from Mr. Sharett to Mr. Warren Austin, current President of the Security Council, requesting that body to re-examine the Israeli complaint of Syrian aggression in the Huleh area last May. There has been no indication whether or when the Council will take up the request.

The plenary will reconvene at 10.30 this morning.

### Comptroller Status

The Finance Committee's subcommittee which dealt with the legal position of the Jewish Agency's Comptroller yesterday decided to grant the Comptroller the status of a member of the Agency Executive in all matters, including salary.

He is to control all Jewish Agency Departments and all enterprises in which the Agency holds over 50 per cent of stock on the basis of auditor's reports, but will also have the right to ask for any other material relevant to his investigations.

A resolution welcoming foreign investment and lauding the Israel Government's more liberal policy in this field was adopted by the subcommittee on private investments.

### No Budget

No budget has been adopted by the Finance Committee, and it is expected that none will be adopted during the Congress, since the final formation of any budget scope of the activities of the Agency will be expected to handle, particularly in the fields of development and settlement, and agreements on the exact terms of agreement between the Government and the Jewish Agency.

It is also impossible to fix the budget of the Agency, since the total amount of funds that will be available after the deduction of settlement and absorption allocations.

Proposed budget, will be fixed by the Permanent Budget Committee, and is to be approved by the new Zionist General Council.

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### Cost of Living Jumps 3 Points

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The July cost-of-living index jumped three points above that of June, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced today.

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### THE CONGRESS

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## RUSSIA TO OFFER OWN TREATY

NEW YORK, Monday (UP)

— The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, said today Russia has its own treaty proposals, which would establish normal relations between Japan and countries which suffered most from Japanese aggression. They will be submitted again at the San Francisco conference, he stated.

Mr. Gromyko read his statement to reporters on board the Queen Elizabeth, in which he arrived here today.

## Pact Endangers Far East Peace—India

LONDON, Monday (UP)

— Prime Minister Nehru's views on the Japanese peace treaty were explained today by the Indian High Commissioner, Krishna Menon. "If anything comes between the countries of Asia, it will lead to a world war — anything, whether between Japan and China; Malaysia and Indonesia or between any other Asian countries."

India believed, he pointed out, that the Anglo-American version of the Japanese treaty would come between Japan and China.

In New Delhi today, Mr. Nehru told Parliament India would make her own peace treaty with Japan because the Anglo-American draft treaty would not contribute to a stable peace in the Far East.

## COUNCIL RECEIVES NOTE ON HULEH

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## U.N. Adjourns To Study Egypt's Draft Resolution

## London Expects Cairo To Delay While Fawzi Seeks Sponsor

By George Lichtheim, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — The Egyptian Ambassador, Amir Pasha, called at the Foreign Office today with Cairo's reply to Mr. Morrison's recent messages to Nahas Pasha and Salah e-Din. When Nahas Pasha saw Sir Ralph Stevenson yesterday to hand him the note, he stated that unless Britain made a "new and constructive move" before the end of the present Egyptian parliamentary session in mid-September the talks would be broken off.

Thus the door so vigorously slammed by Salah e-Din was not completely closed. It is nonetheless regarded as certain here that the Wafd government will shortly announce the abrogation of the 1936 treaty and thereafter restate Egypt's case before the Security Council, where the Persian Government.

According to Ministers present at the meeting, this policy, worked out by Prince Minister Attiles and the head of the British mission to Teheran, Mr. Richard Stokes, on the latter's return last Friday, was generally endorsed by Mr. Harriman as the best policy for the moment.

In Teheran a Government spokesman, Karem Hassibi, yesterday announced that the Government had made its first sale of nationalized oil — 10,000 tons of gasoline and 20,000 tons of oil products to Afghanistan.

Oil experts in New York expressed considerable scepticism of the announcement. They doubted that Afghanistan could use any such quantity.

Meanwhile, the last of the British oil men from the evacuated South Persian Khuzestan oilfield arrived in Abadan last night, leaving behind only a few British technicians and engineers who have agreed to work for the Persian National Oil Company.

The Anglo-Iranian Company, headed by a skeleton staff of 20 Britons at the Abadan refinery, in the hope that the Persians will eventually agree to conditions under which they would be willing to continue work.

(Reuter, UP)

## Communists Demand New Korea Probe

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter) — The Communist leaders in Korea today "demanded" that General Ridgway send liaison to Kaesong for a new investigation of the alleged bombing there which halted the cease-fire talks last Thursday.

The North Korean Premier, Kim Il Sung, and General Peng Teh-hui, Commander of the Chinese forces in Korea, placed responsibility for the break-off on General Ridgway, Peking radio reported tonight.

They repeated the charge that the Allies had attempted to murder their delegation, and lengthily denied that they had fabricated the bombing incident.

Earlier today General Ridgway flew to Korea for an hour and two. No reason for his visit was given.

Peking radio today mounted a trade of fresh charges against the United Nations, including the claim that the Kaesong station was bombed three times, not once, on August 22.

## Arab League Meeting On Suez, Japan Peace

The political committee of the Arab League opened its session at the Antoniades Palace in Alexandria yesterday evening, attended by the representatives of the seven Arab states.

The committee, called into session by Syria and Egypt, has three major items on its agenda:

The League's attitude towards the Suez Canal dispute and Anglo-Egyptian relations; the Japanese peace treaty conference at San Francisco, and the P.C.C. invitation to the Paris conference on September 10.

## Latest British Jet Explodes in Air

STANSTED, ESSEX, Monday (Reuter) — Police and airmen stood guard here today as officials collected the wreckage of Britain's latest experimental jet aircraft, which exploded in mid-air yesterday.

Pieces of the debris were needed for an inquiry into the accident by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The prototype Handley Page, with a revolutionary "scimitar wing" design broke through the sound barrier after taking off from the airfield here.

No decisions were taken yesterday. A motion by the General Zionists that there should be a separate committee for each Ministry was supported only by Herut and was defeated.

Then, only a few hundred feet above the runway and watched by 100 aircraft experts it exploded and burst into flames.





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THE heavy mortality on  
the roads should rouse  
both the public and authori-  
ties to instantaneous action.

The long-term  
DEATH ON THE ROADS

more side-walks, more traffic lights, more pedestrian crossings and islands in the towns; and wider roads between the towns. Widening of the roads by the Public Works Department is being tackled, but it will be years before there is an improvement commensurate with the need. Moreover, with the present rapid growth of population, road widening alone will never be a solution, in view of the constant increase in the volume of traffic.

What is needed is an immediate short-term remedy: And that must be a far stricter police control of the traffic. As long as speeding and dangerous driving go unchecked, deaths on the road will continue to be a public tragedy and a public scandal. But there is no adequate control of speeding and dangerous driving because there are far too few motorcycle police to do the job. What is there to prevent an increase of motorcycle police? The answer is insufficient awareness. If the Knesset wanted to, it could increase the budget for such a force within a few weeks.

The same applies to the Law Courts. Traffic prosecutions take months before they are heard. There are so many of them that they are rushed through; the fines imposed are absurdly light. If a few reckless drivers had their licences withdrawn for all time, the improvement in the standard of driving would be immediate. Here again it is a matter of money for additional Magistrates; and here again the Knesset might act without further delay. Every person killed, every person injured is a loss to the State, quite apart from the personal tragedy involved. It is about time that the State took this road mortality problem with the seriousness it deserves.

Much of the speeding and the dangerous driving is done by persons who imagine that they are privileged. Taxi companies are proud to employ disabled soldiers who drive as recklessly as they please, probably because of the feeling that they cannot be dismissed. Ministers' cars flying the State flag are also driven at excessive speed with a "clear cut of the road" attitude to everyone else. Military lorries, pick-ups, tenders, staff cars and jeeps dash along at furious speed. The military police are supposed to prevent this; but they have not proved too effective. What is needed are deterrent sentences on reckless army drivers and adequate publicity for courts martial in such cases which might also act as a deterrent. Citizens must be made to feel that they can go about their daily business without constant risk of sudden death.

EVERY now and then the established order is violently upset, not by Nature with her volcanoes, earthquakes and meteors, but by Man.

**THE REBEL** There are always occasions to be found of men biting dogs, or snakes dying as a result of biting unusually poisonous men; always lands to be found where men sleep standing up, or where lying is considered retrogression, not progress. The best of these events please us with their novel justice. Bulls which go to farmers annoy us, because bulls are dangerous, but cows which do the like have our secret sympathy. In the same way we are wildly amused when a prominent politician finds that his name has unaccountably slipped off the list of electors, and satanically satisfied when psychologists appear in court as a result of their neuroses. So hats off to Mounir Hassan Aboud Hoss, a Cairo lady who has shown what she thinks of Islamic marriage law by marrying four husbands. Until one of them found another to marry, giving the guest the pain of finding his own wife acting hostess, she kept them separate and visited them in turns, putting her absences on a sick aunt.

## CAIRO'S REBUFF TO MORRISON MAY INFLUENCE ANGLO-ISRAEL RELATIONS Egypt to Abrogate Treaty with U.K.

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM,  
POST Correspondent

LONDON.—AFTER Persia, Egypt. Those who predicted this se-  
cession have now had con-  
firmation in the form of speeches by Salah ed-Din and Egypt's Prime Minister Nahas Pasha foreshadowing the abrogation of the Anglo-  
Egyptian Treaty, and sub-  
jecting Mr. Herbert Morrison, of all people, to a lecture on British Imperialism. To heighten the irony, the Egyptian Foreign Minister made his declaration just 24 hours after Mr. Morrison had once again informed a Labour Party meeting that he was in possession of the Open Sesame which would make the Middle East amenable to British influence. It seems that Mr. Morrison is out of luck. Every time he arranges the Tory leader for his old-fashioned political habits, some Middle Eastern statesman or other does his best to prove that Mr. Churchill is right after all.

This past week has been memorable for the bland calm with which the Foreign Office, Chatham House and "The Times" have registered the lessons of their latest experience. No one would gather that their collective expectations have been falsified. Until the last moment it was genuinely thought that Cairo would respond to Mr. Morrison's now celebrated discourse of July 30, in which he offered to take Egypt into partnership. Now that Salah ed-Din has delivered his reply — after loudly complaining that the door had already been slammed, when Whitehall was in fact desperately trying to keep it open — "The Times" blandly observes, through the pen of its Diplomatic Correspondent, that the Egyptian answer has occasioned "regret but little surprise." It appears that Salah ed-Din's intention to denounce the Treaty has been passed to all the world for a long time. Why, then, the new appeasement offer last week?

"Hitherto he had been res-  
trained by his Government,  
which is convinced that it has  
been maintaining the best  
world security for Egypt  
and, in the instrument of that  
security, an infallible speci-  
al for destroying Egyptian public  
opinion. In this, the Foreign  
Minister of the Wafd." ("The  
Times," August 8).

On this firm rock — to wit a hopeful belief that the Wafd Government would continue the farce indefinitely — Mr. Morrison and his learned advisers had been building when they put forward their renewed offer on July 30. So much for statesmanship.

### Cancelling Treaties

It is clear now that the game is up. It is also clear — though the Foreign Office spokesman refuses to admit it, or even to discuss the subject — that it was the Persian debacle which finally precipitated the choice in Cairo. This conclusion is now drawn by "The Manchester Guardian" which has on the whole supported the Government over Persia: "The Egyptian Government has

### THEATRE NOTES

#### *Gay, Unorthodox Comedy*

**THE QUEEN OF SHEBA,** a comedy in two acts by Gershon Plotkin, translated by Haim Herzer. Directed at the Chamber Theatre by Gershon Plotkin.

"**THE Queen of Sheba,**" as presented by Gershon Plotkin, is a first-rate piece of work in which the modern production completely obliterates the classical story. It is an unorthodox show with syncopated music and jazz dances.

"I wanted to create nothing but a gay play." Mr. Sammy Gronemann declares. It was to be a sequence to "The King and the Cobbler." But he discovered that the theme of his play was topical: that was reconstruction of the Jewish Nation would be made possible by the immigration of Jewish Illesterites. Plotkin's production ignores such political implications and goes in for colourful phantasy. The Queen of Sheba and her followers are as primitive and Negro as the Music-Hall treatment permits.

**Back to Nature**  
Hannah Marron, as the Queen, is the exponent of the Back to Nature theory, young and childlike, pleasingly wild and charmingly restrained. Gronemann makes her the queen of dark-skinned Amazon, and he is dutifully bare-armed and bare-legged. Her companions are Somal negroes. The Queen's philosophy is that mankind, in order to be happy, should ignore learning and listen to nature only.

Solomon the Sage, played by Avraham Ben-Yosef, looked a stupid old hundrum.

There was a good performance by Orna Porath, who played Dayanarah, the Sergeant-Major-in-charge of the Queen of Sheba. Rhaya, King Solomon's Chief of Staff, portrayed by Natha Cogan, was a nice-looking officer who behaved like a young adventure-seeking captain. Zeev Berlinsky was a timid Yoram, who aspired for the hand of the nice-looking newcomer to the stage, Miss Aviva Gor, Arlech Lavi, who played the Judean messenger, is a young star with a good stage presence. Gershon Klein gave a good performance as the stilted, sly Egyptian Envoy.

The performance was enhanced by the music of Herzer; Brusn, the songs by Alexander Abramovitch, the savage mimetic dances of Noa Shkolnik, the choreographer, and the multicolour dream-land of Aryeh Navon, the stage designer. S.S.

drawn what must appear to most inhabitants of the Middle East to be the obvious inference from recent events in Persia — that international treaties can now be cancelled, in practice, if not in theory, by the action of one of the parties who signed them.

Another conclusion drawn by the same authority is to the effect that the Egyptian Government cannot afford even to hint in public that it is ready to tolerate the continued presence of British troops of Egyptian soil, the Egyptians believe that they can, if necessary, make life uncomfortable for our forces in the Canal Zone that their position could not be maintained." All very true and perfectly obvious to most intelligent observers for months.

What is troubling the more

far-sighted commentators — including the writer in "The Economist" (August 4) who expressed alarm over the Government's habit of inviting pressure by a policy of sur-

render — is the growing evi-  
dence that the U.S. Embassy in Cairo is now manoeuvring itself into the position already occupied by its oppo-  
site in Teheran. The Egyptians have for all practical

purposes stopped talking to the British. They are, how-  
ever, willing enough to talk

over with the Americans, including such matters as the Suez Canal blockade.

Whether or not it is true that they are asking for the es-  
tablishment of an oil refinery in Egypt, as the price for lifting the blockade, they are certainly anxious not to slam-  
any doors in this direction.

If a crisis should come in the autumn over the presence of British troops on Egyptian soil — a few well-directed bombs could produce plenty

of headlines in New York — the groundwork will have been laid for another Harri-  
man Mission.

**Appraising Egypt**

It is tempting to say that it serves Whitehall right.

Since the Chamberlain episode in the late thirties, there

has been nothing quite like

the recent efforts to appear

Egypt, when it should have been plain that the Wafd Government was no more

willing to be appeased than was Mussolini. To this must be added the cynical calcu-  
lation that Cairo would keep the Treaty because it pro-  
vides such a splendid target for patriotic rhetoric, while also ensuring Egypt's safety

No doubt Labour Ministers are sincere when they rail against Tigray Imperialism, but the combination of highfalutin' rhetoric and low-  
graffe Machiavellianism (which hasn't even paid off) is dis-  
pleasing. It is Palestine (1948) all over again. Labour still has no foreign policy, and now it does not even have a Foreign Secretary: the present holder of the office is busy belabouring his domestic opponents and acting the part of a glorified public relations officer. The next stage can already be discerned in outline.

**Foreign Currency Earned**

The Government is primarily

interested in the foreign exchange it gets out of the

transaktion. Out of each \$10 token, \$4.2 are handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture to be used for the purchase of raw materials for local factories which supply part of the goods sold in the dollar shop, such as chocolate, soap, jam, sugar, butter, cheese, dried and condensed milk, various cereals, fats, preserves, chocolate, jam, tea, coffee and spices but permits the customers to stock in addition whatever they like.

**Parcel Schemes not Affected**

So far, the standard food par-

cel schemes of which alto-

gether about \$8,000 reach the

country each month) do not

seem to be suffering from the

competition of the dollar shop,

though it is expected that they

will in the long run since in

many cases the recipient gets

more for the dollars and can

choose from a wide range of

goods.

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of all gift foods from abroad

come from the U.S., and the

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